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Free Small Business Tax Seminar in West Covina on May 6, 2011

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with Assembly Member Roger Hernández (Assembly District 57), and the City of West Covina, today announced that a free small business tax seminar will be held on May 6, at 9:00 a.m. in West Covina.

Event: Small Business Tax Seminar in West Covina

Where: West Covina City Council Chambers

1444 West Garvey Avenue South

West Covina, CA 91790

When: Friday, May 6, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Register: Online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm or by phone at 888-847-9652

This free small business fair is geared to assist new business owners, entrepreneurs considering starting a business, small business owners, professionals currently operating a business who have questions about state or federal tax laws, and individuals who want to develop their business knowledge. Topics to be presented include basic sales and use tax issues, forms of ownership, small business administration loans and services, and developing marketing plans. Representatives from the BOE, Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, and Los Angeles SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will be available at the fair to assist attendees.

For the invitation and map, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/W_Covina_SBS_5-6-11_Web.pdf.

Editor's note: please listen to the 15-second and 30- second audio public service announcements (PSA): 15-second audio PSA: www.boe.ca.gov/news/WCovina_PSA_15Sec.mp3 30-second audio PSA: www.boe.ca.gov/news/WCovina_PSA_30Sec.mp3

For more in-person seminars offered, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm. The BOE also offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars online.htm.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879 and the third African American constitutional officer in California's history. Horton previously served as a Member of the California Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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